

Standard Basque

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1 Overview

Language family:	Language isolate
Countries:	Spain, France
Number of speakers:	750,000
Agreement features:	number, person
Attested word orders:	SV
Coordination types:	and, or

(The data were entered by an L2 speaker via an online survey.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with “and”

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: There is plural marking in all combinations.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (1) Mutilak eta gizonak korrika egiten dute
boy.SG and man.SG run PROG AUX.3PL
‘The boy and the man run.’
- (2) a. Mutilek eta gizonak korrika egiten dute.
boy.PL and man.SG run PROG AUX.3PL
‘The boys and the man run.’
b. Mutilak eta gizonak korrika egiten dute.
boy.SG and man.PL run PROG AUX.3PL
‘The boy and the men run.’

2.2 Coordination with “or”

2.2.1 SV order

Pattern: There is plural in all combinations.

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	sg	pl
sg	pl	pl
pl	pl	pl

Examples:

- (3) Mutilak edo gizonak korrika egiten du.
boy.SG or man.SG run PROG AUX.3PL
‘The boy or the man run.’
- (4) a. Mutilek edo gizonak korrika egiten dute.
boy.PL or man.SG run PROG AUX.3PL
‘The boys or the man run.’
b. Mutilak edo gizonak korrika egiten dute.
boy.SG or man.PL run PROG AUX.3PL
‘The boy or the men run.’

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with “and”

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: Mismatching person seems to be resolved following the hierarchy 1 > 2 > 3. (Number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	1pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (5) a. Zuk eta nik korrika egiten dugu.
 you and I run PROG AUX.1PL
 ‘You and I run.’
 b. Nik eta zuk korrika egiten dugu.
 I and you run PROG AUX.1PL
 ‘I and you run.’
- (6) a. Guk eta beraiek korrika egiten dugu.
 we and they run PROG AUX.1PL
 ‘We and they run.’
 b. Beraiek eta guk korrika egiten dugu.
 they and we run PROG AUX.1PL
 ‘They and we run.’

3.2 Coordination with “or”

3.2.1 SV order

Pattern: Mismatching person seems resolved following the hierarchy 1 > 2 > 3. (Number is resolved to plural.)

1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct	1	2	3
1		1pl	1pl
2	1pl		
3	1pl		

Examples:

- (7) a. Zuk edo nik korrika egiten dugu.
 you or I run PROG AUX.1PL
 ‘You or I run.’
 b. Nik edo zuk korrika egiten dugu.
 I or you run PROG AUX.1PL
 ‘I or you run.’

- (8) a. Guk edo beraiek korrika egiten dugu.
We or they run PROG AUX.1PL
'We or they run.'
- b. Berak edo guk korrika egiten dugu.
they or we run PROG AUX.1PL
'They or we run.'